



RELOCATIONS

North Carolina proved to be a slightly less popular place to move to during 2017, but remains in the top 10, according to the annual United Van Lines' report released earlier this month. The state ranked eighth for the second consecutive year, compared with fifth in 2015 and third in 2014 and 2013. There were 5,192 inbound household shipments, down from 5,447 in 2016. The 2017 inbound totals were the fifth highest in the nation.

By comparison, there were 4,021 outbound, compared with 3,923 in 2016. The 2017 outbound totals were the seventh highest. North Carolina has been listed as a "high inbound" state each year since 1993. The moving company has tracked migration patterns since 1977. South Carolina was the most popular Southeast state for in-migration. The top state was Vermont, followed by Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and South Dakota.

United Van Lines determined that the majority of North Carolina's inbound migration were spurred by corporate moves and transfers at 54.7 percent, down from 55 percent in 2016. The second top reason was 21.1 percent for retirement, 19.7 percent for family, 12.2 percent for lifestyle and 3.9 percent for health. Conversely, 59.6 percent were leaving North Carolina to follow a job, followed by 23.2 percent to move closer to family, 13.2 percent for retirement, 10.9 percent for lifestyle and 3.7 percent for health.

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